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## Three Valley cities on Cars.com green list

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Sacramento, Stockton and Modesto as a group ranked 15th on Chicago-based Cars.com's list of the nation's most eco-friendly metropolitan areas, based on consumer shopping interest in hybrid vehicles.

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose topped the list, with the largest percentage of hybrid vehicle shopping among all motor vehicle shopping activity within a jurisdiction.

West Coast states dominated this year's Green Cities Index. California, Oregon and Washington had 11 metropolitan areas among the top 15.

Other high-placing California cities were Eureka (second), Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-San Luis Obispo (sixth), San Diego (ninth), Monterey-Salinas (11th) and Chico-Redding (12th).

Last year's overall winner, Eugene, Ore., dropped to fourth this year.

"Outside the West Coast, smaller towns across the country with large state universities continue to show larger-than-normal interest in hybrid cars," said Patrick Olsen, Cars.com's editor in chief.

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